

Testimony on rSB 306 AA Allocating Funding for the Provision of Potable Water...

Dear Chairman Meyer and Gentile, Ranking Members Chapin and Shaban, and distinguished members of the Environmental Committee:

My name is David R. Hoffman and I reside at 85 Lyman Dr. in Torrington Ct. Our area has individual wells for each home.

Approximately 10 yrs. ago, homes up the hill from me were tested by the DEEP and found to have high levels of

Tetrachloroethene (PCE), a dry cleaning chemical. The DEEP supplied bottled water to those homes until the DEEP had filtration systems installed. There was a dry cleaning company located close to said houses. That building has since been removed. On 3-12-04, the DEEP tested my well for the first time, and found low levels of that contaminate. DEEP performed yearly testing on the wells in our area with additional homes found to have non-potable water with the DEEP having to install filtration systems in those homes. On 5-21-10, DEEP tested and found my water to be non-potable with them supplying me with bottled water until they installed a filtration system on 12-21-10. DEEP continued to test wells in our area until we all received a letter from the DEEP stating that they have lost funding and beginning 7-1-13, I (we) are all "on our own". The last testing was done in June 2013 and since then, 3 additional homes now have non-potable water. We have lived in our home for 43 yrs. and the higher up the hill you go, the higher the level of contamination. I believe 17 homes in the area have various levels of contamination found by the DEEP. There are many homes in the area that have never been tested and they have no idea of any possible health risks. Two of the contaminated houses have residents who have developed MS, could this contaminate be the cause of this?

Thank you for your time,
David R. Hoffman